

Attorney Docket No. 8010-1001 PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

OKADA et al.

Confirmation No. 4679

Serial No. 10/036,421

GROUP 1761

Filed January 7, 2002

Examiner Drew E. BECKER

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## STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please inform us of the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on January 7, 2002 and was docketed on January 9, 2004 to the Examiner. Applicants respectfully inquire as to when a first Official Action may be expected in this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. .

Respectfully submitted,

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